

INDIANA EARLY LEARNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Child Development and Well Being Workgroup

Meeting Minutes Summary

July 23, 2015

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Attendees: Shirley Payne, Carrie Bale, Connie Sherman, Erin Kissling, Kim Rhodes, Emily Krauser, Julie Burns, Nancy Ward, Lisa Henley, Christina Commons, Liane Grayson, Beth Stroh (phone), Amanda Lopez (phone), Kyle Wehmann, and Monica DiOrio

Key Topics Discussed:

1. ELAC and Workgroup Updates

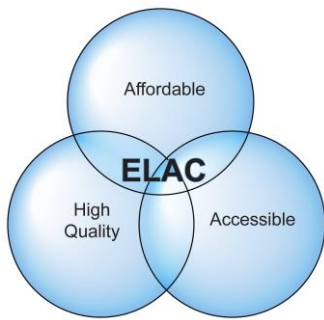
- Introduction of new members: Emily Krauser, Indiana Youth Institute (to replace Julie Whitman) and Liane Grayson, Indiana State Department of Health.
- Review of priorities for the workgroup outlined in January.
- FSSA is working with a marketing agency to “brand” ELAC, including a user-friendly website and related communication guidelines/tools.
- Carrie shared that there is a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grant Opportunity to support organizations efforts to gather health data. Julie Burns reported that Jump IN, Marion County Health Department and others are applying for the grant for Central Indiana
- ELAC-approved items are able to be shared, so workgroup members can begin using the Kindergarten Readiness definition, the definition of child health, family engagement framework etc. outside of the workgroup.

2. Priority #2: Developmental Screening Tool

- Discussion of the priority focus that the workgroup “establish a universal and comprehensive screening tool”. This workgroup does not have to create a screening, but can use one already in place to expand upon and provide recommendations for ELAC.
- John Peirce (Allen County) sent an e-mail about current initiatives on developmental screenings nationwide;
- A development screening will be a state performance requirement for Title V (Maternal Child Health Block Grant) programs.
- The workgroup agreed that a document similar to a white paper should accompany the declaration that explains the purpose and importance of health screenings for children.

3. Health Focus

- Amanda briefly shared about the new AmeriCorps Family Engagement



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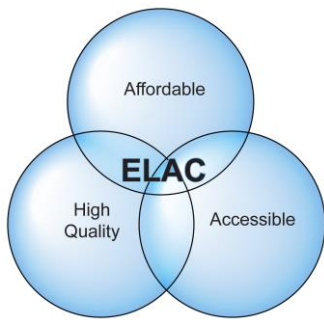
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project by Early Learning Indiana as an opportunity to potentially pilot sharing key health information with parents by providers

- Julie noted that the [CDC's Coordinated School Health Model](#) (for K-12) might be a good framework for child care centers to integrate health.
- Workgroup discussed the purpose of issuing a survey to providers on health, the best process/time to issue the survey and key questions/topics to include in the survey.
- Amanda suggested that a visual tool for providers that summarizes the "pathway / process to access health services" (something like 1) ASSESS, 2) COMMUNICATE, and 3) CONNECT) could be useful for providers and integrated into other tools (i.e., Family Engagement Toolkit, PTQ trainings, etc.)
- Workgroup discussed the importance of engaging the family and equipping providers to engage the family as it relates to discussing health. Members agreed that a possible joint meeting with the Family Engagement workgroup might be helpful to align resources.

Key Questions Raised:

1. Is this workgroup able to recommend research on health data elements to the Data Coordination workgroup? What is the process?
2. Is there a way for the Kindergarten Readiness definition to reach the schools?
3. Do public schools know to look at the Foundations for their preschool classes?
4. What are the intersections in early learning and the healthcare systems that can bring them together? Ages and Stages and Social-Emotional have had discussions to get early care and education providers to utilize current tools.
5. How can we align with what Head Start is already doing since all Head Start programs have performance standards to follow?
6. Is it possible to incorporate health screenings into existing programs / infrastructure, such as Paths to QUALITY and Head Start preliminary requirements/screenings for their children?
7. How does this workgroup package a set of resources and tools to help providers better focus on health?
8. Is it possible to have the Governor declare a "Developmental Screening Week/Month" to encourage childcare and healthcare providers to get their kids screened?



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Action Steps:

1. Developmental Screening:

Carrie will forward John Peirce's e-mail about the current initiatives on developmental screenings.

Carrie, Connie, and Amanda will follow-up with ELAC about the declaration of "Developmental Screening Week".

Shirley offered to reach out to **Dr. Swignoski** to draft a white paper (1-3 pages) about the importance of Developmental Screening and the Governor issuing a declaration to give to health care and early education providers.

2. Health Focus:

Shirley and **Christina** will check to see if the data on the early evaluation hubs is able to be shared with the workgroup. If it is, they will share that at the August meeting (or via Wiggio beforehand).

Carrie and **Connie** will reach out to Kent and Monty to better understand the AmeriCorps Family Engagement project and possible opportunities to include health/ pilot some tools (i.e., CDC School Health Model)

Julie Burns will upload the CDC's Coordinated School Health Model to Wiggio

Lisa Henley offered to pull out any health-related data from previous IACCRR surveys, as well as gathering a list of upcoming surveys health-related questions can be added to.

3. **Lisa Henley** will share the agenda for the Infant Toddler obesity session with this workgroup, which members are invited to attend.

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 27, 10:00 am -12:00 pm.

*** September 17th workgroup meeting will be a special presentation by Zero to Three on behalf of Indiana's Happy Babies Group about infants and toddlers.

Location: St. Mary's Child Center, 901 Martin Luther King Jr. Street, Indianapolis, IN, 46202